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Mr. Ashcroft:

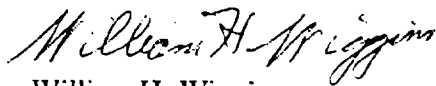
As a supporter of Microsoft, I write you concerning the recent settlement between the Department of Justice and Microsoft. Three years of negotiations should be ample for a well thought out settlement. The concessions that Microsoft has made speak to all parties involved and are beneficial to the entire information technology sector.

As our economy weakens, we must pay careful attention to our technologies. By delaying the enforcement of this settlement, we cause our technology industry to lag behind and jeopardize our position in the global market. Let us help support the industry by making sure that no more actions are taken against the settlement. By allowing our information technology sector to focus on innovation we, the consumer, benefit as well as the IT sector and the economy as a whole.

Even before the Microsoft suit it has been my perception for some time now that industry can succeed only to a point before the government steps in and discourages capable companies like Microsoft to do what they do best. They want them to stagnate rather than take advantage of their investment in research and create more employment.

I urge you to help support this settlement and ask you to help stop any action against it. I thank you for your help.

Respectfully,


William H. Wiggins

P.S. I own no Microsoft stock. I am just interested in encouraging entrepreneurs to have incentive to do their thing and have a vibrant economy in this country